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REDS MAKE GAINS ON HAINAN

Death penalty for Red agents in Malaya

Singapore, April 29. Britain's new anti-guerrilla "War Cabinet" at Kuala Lumpur today struck at one of the guerrillas' main supply lines by ordering the death penalty for agents who collected food and money for the guerrillas.

The War Cabinet said that to allow guerrilla agents the chance to avail themselves of the recently offered surrender terms, the penalty would not come into force until June 1st.

A spokesman said: "Communist agents, who compel thousands of Chinese squatters in the unprotected jungle fringe to supply food, money, clothing and other services are as essential in the Communist terrorist campaign as armed gangs."

They did aid and abet murder as surely as the men with guns."

Until now armed terrorists have been liable to the death penalty, adds Associated Press.

This is the Government's second major move to cut off supplies from guerrilla bands hiding in the jungle. Several hundred thousand Chinese squatters are being shifted from scattered, remote settlements to areas where they can be better controlled and prevented from aiding the guerrillas.—Reuters and Associated Press.

More Shanghai evacuees arrive

Seventy-five British subjects and 26 American citizens arrived in Hong Kong yesterday from Shanghai in the ss. Heinrich Jessen.

In addition, 166 European evacuees and 121 International Refugee Organisation charges were on board the Dutch ship. The Heinrich Jessen left Tientsin on April 24.

The 4,000-ton merchant ship, which usually carries less than 50 passengers, accommodated most of the evacuees in the holds.

Passengers, many of whom brought their own bedding on board the ship with them, ate their meals in three shifts, and assisted in making their own beds and keeping their quarters clean.

The IRO passengers came from Harbin.

In spite of the admittedly difficult conditions, not one passenger complained of the conditions, they all praised the Heinrich Jessen's crew for their help and cooperation during the trip.

Almost all the passengers from Shanghai agreed with the opinion of one British businessman, who said: "We tried to make a success of it in Shanghai. We stayed on and on, in spite of high taxes and no business. Now there is little to be done about Shanghai, except leave it."

Despite the sailing-style doubling up, the trip was marked by group song fests, amateur shows put on by the passengers, and dances held on top of the hatches.

The small coastal vessel's wireless operator, Edward Belard, hooked up a loud-speaker and played popular records for the dances.

One bank executive got to Tientsin, before the Shanghai authorities decided he was "indispensable" and cancelled his visa.

Other passengers reported that they waited for weeks and months for their visas.

The railway journey from Shanghai to Tientsin took 38 hours. Passengers stayed at the Talbot Hotel and Astor House in Tientsin while waiting for the ship.

Jet planes

Universally confirmed was the fact that jet fighter planes have been flying over Shanghai for the past month.

One passenger, a Greek citizen remarked that after the jets made their first appearance over the city, the National

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (6 p.m., HKST), an anticyclone centred over N. Japan is moving Easterward. From it a ridge extends to the north of the China Sea.

Today's forecast: Partly or mostly cloudy, with a few broken cumulus clouds, 40 mm. = 0.35 in. Total, 1.5 in.

1.5 in. = 38.1 mm. = 10.40 in. = 25.4 mm. against an average of 260.0 mm. = 10.16 in.

Wind: N. 10-15 km. = 6-9 mph. 10 km. = 6 mph. 10 km. = 6 mph.

Barometric pressure: 1013.4 mb. = 29.90 in. = 73.75 inches.

Rel. Humidity: 55% = 72% RH.

Wind: North 10-15 km. = 6-9 mph.

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Wind: Force 8-9 = 55-65 mph.

Wind: Force 9-10 = 65-75 mph.

Wind: Force 10-11 = 75-85 mph.

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Wind: Force 98-99 = 955-965 mph.

Wind: Force 99-100 = 965-975 mph.

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Wind: Force 104-105 = 1015-1025 mph.

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Wind: Force 108-109 = 1055-1065 mph.

Wind: Force 109-110 = 1065-1075 mph.

Wind: Force 110-111 = 1075-1085 mph.



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PROXIMITY.

Sir.—This letter may be a little bit after time, but you know, the reading of "W." is terribly long letter needs time. Yet after having spent the time reading it, I still cannot find any substantial idea in it. Because after all the mumbblings of words and phrases, the whole letter can be condensed into one sentence. We want a Budgeting Committee that is free from official domination, so that we can benefit ourselves better than the others. Then why waste valuable time and effort in composing such bad works of

The Government will give whole-hearted support to any motion or motions either from groups or from individuals, provided that the motion or motions prove reasonable and in the end worth while. And to think of running the Government like running a business house is hardly reasonable enough.

I think that the certain member of the Kowloon Rotary Club, who has given the facilities of his own surgery for a free Trachoma Clinic deserves encouragement and commendation. It will be more worth while for the writer "W." to write a tribute to this good fellow, for his good deed. And perhaps such tribute or eulogy will inspire some other good fellows to come forth and give away his unused mansion on vacant lot for a Town Hall, a public library, a cultural centre, etc., etc.

Regarding the idealist's dream of mine, I will keep on dreaming and I hope you will dream the same way I dream. Because we have seen samples of this sort of dream come true.

Yours etc.,

PAT COMO.

Dockyard men aid victims of lorry crash

Naval Dockyard personnel took an important part in rescuing and treating some of the victims in Friday's traffic accident at the junction of Murray Road and Queen's Road, Central.

Mr. Fred Truscott, Foreman of Works, personally drove a Naval wrecker vehicle to the scene of the accident and arrived there with some of his staff within 10 minutes after receiving the call.

He took an active part in raising the wrecked Hong Kong Electric Company's truck with the crane.

Before the wreck was lifted, Surgeon Commander W.G.C. Fitzpatrick had crept underneath the truck in an attempt to give first-aid to the Army Sergeant dispatch rider who was crushed to death.

A group of Dockyard personnel headed by the Naval Dockyard Superintendent Civil Engineer, Mr. Crichton, were also among the first on the scene and assisted in helping victims from the wreckage and to the Dockyard Surgery where more than 20 were treated by Commander Fitzpatrick and his staff and sent to the Queen Mary Hospital in Dockyard motor vehicles and two Navy ambulances.

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HK Light Orchestra

In lighter vein, is the concert

planned for Sunday May 14, by the Hong Kong Light Orchestra at the Grippo.

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Chinese Reform Assn. oppose new immigration regulations

The Chinese Reform Association yesterday resolved that the Colony must not, cannot, need not and should not restrict Chinese entry into Hong Kong.

The Association held a meeting at the Yan Yan Restaurant to discuss the new regulations imposed by the Hong Kong Government restricting entry into the Colony of Chinese subjects of Chinese race.

In a statement released to the Press last night, the Association stated that in the Treaty of Nanking and the Convention for the extension of Hong Kong in 1898, it was stipulated that:

"It has now been agreed between the Governments of Great Britain and China that Chinese officials and people shall be allowed as heretofore to use the road from Kowloon to Ustian. It is further agreed that the existing landing place near Kowloon City shall be reserved for the convenience of Chinese men-of-war, merchant and passenger vessels, which may come and go and lie there at their pleasure; and for the convenience of movement of the officials and people within the city. The area leased to Great Britain as shown on the annexed map includes the waters of Mirs Bay and Deep Bay, but it is agreed that Chinese vessels of war, whether neutral or otherwise, shall retain the right to use those waters. Signed by Claude M. Macdonald and Li Hung-chang and Hsu Ting-k'wei on the 9th of June 1898, being the 21st day of the fourth month of the 24th year of Kuang Hsu."

The statement added: "The present diplomatic relationship between Britain and China is in a delicate state of flux while Hong Kong cannot exist without its neighbour China. Any further complication to the resumption of normal relationships must be at all cost avoided, therefore, Hong Kong must not restrict Chinese immigration."

"Hong Kong harbours a population, 99 per cent of which are Chinese, with a border line practically surrounded by the Chinese coast rendering the geographical conditions where restrictions cannot be effectively applied nor could the public be isolated from their families, friends, and business associates across the border even for a day."

"Seasonal exchange of visits and the absolute necessities of immediate attendance for unexpected causes such as death, birth and other, imperative, summoning of the clan must be obeyed by the population on both sides of the border. Even the Japanese, generously melting out death punishment summarily could not effectively stamp out the illicit traffic by land or by sea."

Prohibitive cost

"No British administration can afford the personnel and finance necessary for the control of the increasing flow between the 2,000,000 inside with the 30,000,000 in Kwangtung Province alone."

"The pre-war experience of the Immigration Department should serve as a warning and the lessons of 1940-41 must not be forgotten as a reminder that Hong Kong cannot restrict Chinese immigration."

"We need not enforce arbitrary restrictions because for years we have had a far more effective weapon which was primarily responsible for keeping down the population to a more or less manageable dimension—high cost of living."

"When the first post-war hue and cry was raised against free entry of Chinese which culminated in the 1949 Ordinance, everybody hypothesized, a guess that Hong Kong will continue to enjoy the benefit of these remittances as well as those to be transmitted later on to the interior, unless we in Hong Kong create new, insurmountable restrictions, against the entry of these refugees."

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Entry of Chinese

New regulations under the Immigration Control Ordinance restricting the entry into Hong Kong of Chinese race become effective tomorrow.

By yesterday, however, the authorities concerned had, as on the day before, no further information on the subject. As a result those affected by the new order are in a quandary.

No information was available yesterday on the procedure for obtaining the necessary frontier passes, entry permits or certificates of residence, as required by the Ordinance.

Shortly afterwards, the published official estimates of Hong Kong confirmed it with a statement that 300,000 more people left than those coming in. The continuation and extension of civil war in China will inevitably dislodge more displaced persons who would require temporary sanctuary before they are able to re-settle themselves elsewhere.

"Although rice is falling in price, thanks to the enlightened policy of Government in permitting partial importation by merchants, other food prices have not had time to reflect a sympathetic trend."

"The change of hands at Holloway and the imminent liberation of the entire Hainan Island will cut Hong Kong from its nearest source of fresh meat supplies."

Doubtful method

"The flight of the newcomers who are unable to bring any other form of capital except gold bars to be confiscated by the Government will qualify them in no time to the classification of destitutes liable to deportation under the 1949 Undesirable Ordinance."

"The present scrutinization by the police at the border is another doubtful method of implementing that same Ordinance. Therefore the Government need not be further armed to prevent greater influx of Chinese destitutes for it has sufficient weapons to keep the situation well in hand. Hong Kong will soon have its registration of residence completed of every one from seven years old upward to enable the Government to establish a strict system of priority to protect the citizens of Hong Kong from being overcrowded out of its legitimate claims to facilities in welfare, education, medical, housing, ration and other requirements."

"The excuse for unrestricted immigration need not be used any more to deny the domiciled residents social services the inadequacy of which is not a sufficient justification to demand restrictions of Chinese entry."

"Therefore we can come to a reasonable conclusion that we need not restrict Chinese immigration."

"Hong Kong harbours a population, 99 per cent of which are Chinese, with a border line practically surrounded by the Chinese coast rendering the geographical conditions where restrictions cannot be effectively applied nor could the public be isolated from their families, friends, and business associates across the border even for a day."

"Humanity dictates and common sense impels Hong Kong to remain a good neighbour to China particularly in times of her sorrows, so that Hong Kong should continue to offer shelter, however temporary to the ever increasing number of refugees who must for geographical reasons pass through Hong Kong to take advantage of this entry port with its transportation facilities to get to and from their places of dislocation and destination."

"Complete blockade of Hong Kong and any new restriction will but divert the prosperous travellers trade to our next door competitor. It would only create a bottleneck just outside the border filling up their hotels and restaurants for the exact equivalent number of days for entry permits to be granted from Hong Kong."

Remittances from abroad

"Those refugees with overseas Chinese relatives will bring in their wake additional invisible exports in monthly remittances from 10,000,000 of their overseas Chinese relatives who have made good abroad. Present indications seem to encourage belief that Hong Kong will continue to enjoy the benefit of these remittances as well as those to be transmitted later on to the interior, unless we in Hong Kong create new, insurmountable restrictions, against the entry of these refugees."

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"Dutch children in Hong Kong are shown enjoying themselves at a party at the Helena May Institute yesterday. The party was held to celebrate the birthday of Queen Wilhelmina on May 15." (China Mail Photo)

Additional school for Taipo planned

When funds become available, an additional school will be built at Taipo, said Mr. T. R. Rowell, director of Education, yesterday.

Reminders

Today

Tue 11 classical concert, 80 Macdonald Road, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombolo; 8 p.m.

European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, talk on "The World Food Problem and China" by Mr. Robert Hart, 8.45 p.m.
HK Art Club, sketching party to Shatin, members to meet at the Kowloon Star Ferry 10.30 a.m.

Plano Recital by Miss G. Cheng, HK Hotel, Roof Garden, 9 p.m.

India Association, annual general meeting, Sikh Temple, 11 a.m.

Diocesan School Old Boys' Association, annual meeting Chinese Club Bank of Canton Bldg., 7.30 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW
Crown Land Sale, PWD offices, 3 p.m.
European YMCA Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY
HK Rotary Club, closed meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Billy Tingle PT, Boxing, Ju Jitsu, 8 p.m.; whist drive, 8 p.m.

European YMCA, Bridge Drive 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Tue 12 Club, meeting, 50 Macdonald Road, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, dancing class, 7 to 8 p.m.; film show.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club of HK, luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

HK Women's International Club, Whist Drive for Services, 7.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Hong Kong Band Call 8 p.m.

Concert

A concert of recorded classical music will be presented at Talbot House, (Toc H), 50 Macdonnell Road, at 8.30 p.m. today.

The programme will include

"Carmen" Suite (Blitz), Quartet No. 10 in F Major (Beethoven), Piano Concerto No. 2 in A Major (Liszt) and Symphony No. 8 in F major (Beethoven).

Concert

Beginning from tomorrow the last daily bus to Stanley will leave the vehicular ferry terminus an hour later—10.30 p.m. instead of 9.30 p.m.

The last bus from the ferry terminus to Aberdeen will leave at 10.30 p.m. The last buses from Stanley and Aberdeen will be correspondingly later.

Bus changes

Applications for admission in September next to the Northcote Training College will be accepted on the recognised forms which can be obtained from the Education Department, New Telephone Building, (2nd floor), Hong Kong, or from Mr. A. L. Potter, Acting Principal of the College.

Candidates for the English side are required to have passed either the School Leaving or Matriculation Examinations, but

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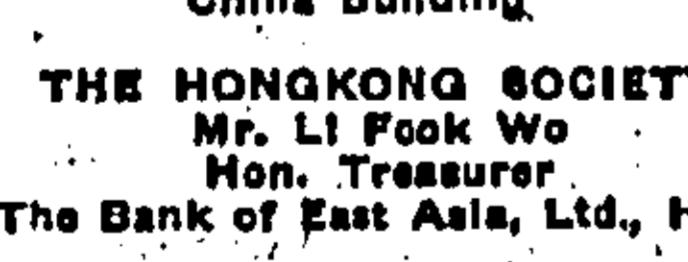
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Twenty persons died of rabies last year

Rabies claimed 20 human victims last year. Forty dogs were also destroyed by the disease. This year four persons have already died from the disease, in addition to five dogs.

Man gaoled for possessing forged notes

Liu Yun, aged 30, a recent arrival from Canton, was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with possession of two forged \$100 notes and one \$50 note of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two months.

Detective Sub-Inspector R. G. Laurel, prosecuting, said that at 11 p.m. on April 17, Detective Police Corporal Leung King received information that a Chinese was in possession of forged banknotes. He approached defendant in Johnston Road near the Southern Playground and searched him. One \$100 note and one \$50 note was found in his pocket together with HK\$12. The \$12 subsequently were proved to be genuine while the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, which examined the notes, declared the two large denomination notes were false.

The defendant on being taken into custody took the detective to 178, Queen's Road, where on the staircase another HK\$10 note was found and this too proved to be forged.

Inspector Laurel said that the Police had no evidence to show that defendant had passed forged notes and so he was charged only with possession of the notes.

Defendant claimed that he did not know the notes were forged. They had been given to him in Canton as part of his pay when he was employed was taken over by the Communists.

He pleaded for leniency saying that he had a 72-year-old mother and two young children to support and they would starve if he went to prison.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 4th May, 1950.

By Order,
S.A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

Colonel Dix added: "In order to infect a person or an animal, the saliva must come into contact with a wound, either directly by means of a bite, or by accidental contamination of an abrasion such as would occur by licking the hand or face of a person with a slight scratch or cut."

"Symptoms in the dog are not always characteristic, as there are three stages, each with different manifestations and each individual case will show different symptoms according to which stage predominates.

"The main signs of rabies to look out for are: a change in the normal behaviour of the animal; a restless and vague manner; a tendency to hide away and resent handling; snapping at the air; catching imaginary flies; and excessive thirst with inability to swallow.

"Beware of the dog that acts as though it has a bone in its throat; this is often one of the first noticeable symptoms of rabies.

"Everyone knows or can imagine the last stage when the dog goes mad, and finally dies paralysed. It is a horrible sight—and one which is second only to the spectacle of a human being with the same affliction.

"One of the complicating features of rabies in dogs is the variability of the incubation period. It may be as short as 14 days to as long as six months or more. In man this period is more constant, being usually three to 16 weeks from the time of the bite."

Measures taken

"Here are the measures we have taken to combat this menace—

"Muzzling and Leashing: This limits the chance of your dog biting or, if it develops rabies, of passing the disease on to man or another animal.

"Inoculation: This increases resistance to infection but is not 100 per cent it helps."

"Licensing: This ensures that dogs are registered and helps in control. If a man will not license his dog, he can't care much for it and an unlicensed dog is often a stray and diseased dog. These are the dangerous animals and the ones we want to eliminate."

"Control of movement: This is obviously necessary particularly in view of the long incubation period... Movement from Kowloon, where the disease is rampant, to Hong Kong Island, where there has been no case for six months, is now prohibited."

"No dog may be imported without six-months quarantine unless it originates from the United Kingdom or Australia."

Revenue Inspector S. Locke, in asking for confiscation, said that defendant, charged with importing gold without a licence, came here on Friday by CAT plane from Taipei and when asked at Kai Tak whether he had any gold to declare answered in the negative.

Revenue Officer S. Li, who asked the question, let him pass but as defendant was going out of the Customs area, he noticed the peculiar manner in which he walked and called Inspector Locke's attention.

Lee Ping was taken inside the Customs Office and searched. The gold was found hidden in the false bottoms of his shorts.

GOLD ORDERED CONFISCATED

Eight bars of gold, weighing 32.8 taels and valued at \$7,000, belonging to Lee Ping, CAT radio operator, were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

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Royal activities

The King and Queen have a big programme of public engagements ahead of them. Their itinerary is a strenuous one and is a significant indication of the effective recovery of His Majesty from his leg troubles.

A few days taken from the Royal visiting-list in May serve to illustrate just how busy His Majesties will be. On May 2 the King and Queen are to visit the Festival of Britain site on the South Bank of the Thames. The same evening the Queen will leave London for Birkbech, where the next day she will launch the new Ark Royal and also lay the foundation stone for the new college at Mill Hill.

The following day Her Majesty will be with the King at the first of the presentation garden parties at Buckingham Palace, which in itself imposes no small strain. Yet the next day the King and Queen will be at the opening of the new medical research institute at Mill Hill.

Blitzed palace

While Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone and the Earl of Athlone were on their visit to the West Indies, their apartments in Kensington Palace were given an overhaul. It was part of a general renovation of the building.

Royal palace suffered more severely during the war, for altogether nearly a hundred bombs fell in the vicinity. The oldest part, built for King William III by Sir Christopher Wren, was left without a single pane of glass. The work of restoration has taken four years and is now almost complete. The famous carvings by Grinling Gibbons in the state apartments were cut by pieces of flying glass.

It was necessary to extract the fragments, and expert carvers glued minute bits of wood to fill in the holes. The work was so beautifully done that it is not possible to detect by ordinary observation that there had ever been any damage at all.

Hess was here

Millionaire's row, which is the Palace Gardens, has had its ornate gates restored after a lapse of nearly 10 years.

This half-mile of private roadway controlled by the Commission of Crown Lands is unique in the Metropolis.

It was laid out as a boulevard mansion in the early years of the reign of Queen Victoria and occupied for the most part, the site of the kitchen gardens of the adjacent Kensington Palace.

Today several of the big houses have become embassies — the Soviets, France, Iraq are among them.

Several were commandeered during the war for war purposes, the most notable being a big house in its own grounds at the Baywater end which was a con-

tractant.

A new member need feel under

no obligation to speak at all. For

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Constitutional reform

SING TAO MAN PO: Constitutional reforms for Hong Kong were approved in 1947 and were to be enforced before May this year.

In June last year, Government published a draft plan for a municipal Council and invited public opinion on it.

Many views and suggestions were submitted to Government. The proposals differed, but all who put forward proposals were unanimous that constitutional reforms were necessary.

Today there is still no news about constitutional reforms. For the Colony's progress, stability and prosperity, Government should carry out these reforms without any further delay.

American influence

TA FUNG PAC: Under the cloak of its anti-Communist policy, the United States is seeking to extend its economic control throughout Asia and to step up assistance to the reactionary regimes.

To obtain a firmer hold over Asia, the American imperialists are resurrecting the Japanese Fascist forces, and making use of caucasians as their running dogs. The Far Eastern Economic Conference is being held in Tokyo for this purpose.

The liberation movement of the peoples of the world, however, is expanding daily. The Asian peoples are in the throes of an all-out struggle for independence and freedom and know who are with and against them. Therefore, any conspiracy by the American imperialists and Japanese reactionaries will obviously be shattered.

Peace efforts

SING TAO JIH PAO: All nations should fully support UNO. Secretary-General Trygve Lie's peace efforts and the termination of the current cold war.

The Western nations who have been insisting that UNO should be the medium for solving international disputes should give

Britain withdraw recognition of

the new Peking regime as the latter does not appear to be inclined to welcome such recognition, and as recognition of Britain's part has had an adverse influence on the Malayan situation.

The British Assistant Secretary for Foreign Affairs has stated that the next step is for the Chinese Communists to take Britain, he said, has replied to certain questions asked by the Peking Government. Rejection from the Peking Government has not yet been forthcoming.

These facts seem to indicate that should reaction from the Peking regime be unfriendly, Britain will be compelled to withdraw recognition.

Meanwhile, Britain still hopes the Peking Government will change its attitude. This is wishful thinking.

Communist influence

KUNG SHEUNG MAN PO: In a broadcast recently, the Director of Education stressed the importance of preventing the infiltration of Communist teachings in local schools.

We fully agree that the question is a highly important, as it is a crimen-to-force beliefs, political or religious innocence children.

The disclosure that the Education authorities are planning to train more persons into qualified teachers is welcome. It is an open secret that a number of private schools in the Colony are being run merely for money-making; as a result, teachers are being employed by such schools on a commercial basis, rather than on a professional basis.

Government regards the provision of free education, beyond its financial capability. The amount that Government has mentioned is open to question and should be left to the experts to figure out.

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U.S. students demonstrate in New York

New York, April 28. An attempt by 1,000 high school students to march on the City Hall, scene of riotous demonstrations by 10,000 teen agers yesterday, was broken up today by the police, who had orders to get tough if necessary.

The police diverted demonstrators to Foley Square, several blocks North of City Hall, and dispersed them into small groups. Other police stood guard at subway exits to the City Hall plaza and turned back all student groups.

It was the fifth day of demonstrations to support teachers' demands for salary increases and the fourth time students had marched on City Hall. The police reported groups of students gathering in other boroughs to go to City Hall, but they manned roadblocks to keep them out of Manhattan.

One leader, a 14-year-old student, was seized and taken to City Hall for questioning. The police were ordered to keep the youthful demonstrators away from the area of City Hall, where a reception was planned for Admiral Thomas Kinkaid at 12.30 p.m. Admiral Kinkaid is retiring on Monday as commander of the Eastern Sea Frontier and the Atlantic reserve fleet.

The police erected roadblocks at bridge approaches to Manhattan to prevent demonstrators from Brooklyn and Queen's from entering Manhattan. They also guarded subway stations, hoping to turn the youths back.—United Press.

NO WAR DANGER

The Hague, April 29. Dr. P. C. Visser, former Dutch Ambassador to Russia, who has just returned to Holland, does not fear a war in the next few years as this could never be in the fully understood interest of the Soviet Union, because everyone knows that the West does not want war.

Referring to the recent revaluation of the rouble, Dr. Visser said life had become slightly cheaper for the Russians.—Reuter.

American officials reported today that in recent months they detected increasing signs of the Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru's growing disillusionment with Soviet Russia and greater willingness on his part to feel that India's interests in world affairs are basically the same as those of the United States and other democratic nations.

The consensus here always has been that Mr. Nehru was more pro-American than he cared to admit publicly for fear of offending some of the extreme elements in his country, who consider the United States policy just another form of imperialism, economic rather than political.

Particular attention has been paid in diplomatic circles here to Mr. Nehru's recent statement to a New York "Times" correspondent that the Soviet Union is following more and more a Nationalist expansionist policy rather than the old style concept of Communism.

It was in this same interview that he admitted that India's political and economic ties were closer with "what might be called Western countries" than with others.

Reason for caution

It is recognised in informed quarters here that Mr. Nehru has reason to proceed cautiously in endorsing United States policies.

The American action in rushing to recognise the French-sponsored government of Emperor Bao Dai in Indo-China is pointed out as an example of the United States move which was bound to be unpopular with Mr. Nehru and other Indians who do not concede that Vietnam has been given any authority or that it actually represents most of the Indo-Chinese in Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina.

The fact that there are serious differences even in official quarters here over the wisdom of that American move is evidence that Mr. Nehru may be justified in viewing some American moves with suspicion.

He made it clear that he believed that the United States, if it hopes to gain the confidence of the Asians, must not take steps which are to be interpreted as failing to recognise nationalist aspirations of peoples in those areas.—United Press.

Washington, April 28.

There was no compelling reason for Mr. Attlee's becoming a Socialist and a life-long champion of the unprivileged. He was not unprivileged himself. His father, Henry, was solid and moderately prosperous. The elder Attlee was president of the British Law Society. The family background was Tory and Conservative.

Clement Attlee attended Haileybury College, which was one of the most exclusive of Britain's costly public schools. He followed his father into law. He studied at University College of Oxford University, emphasising history. He became a barrister in 1905 and the son of the president of the Law Society would have had no difficulty in getting solvent clients.

But he started drifting into London's East End, where the dockers at the beginning of the century were putting up a heart-breaking fight against unemployment, filth, disease, rats and slums. Mr. Attlee joined the Fabian Society, an association of hibrow Socialist doctriiners. He became a lecturer at the London School of Economics, a division of the University of London. He was a youth of great energy.

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Fear of disunity

The letter said: "Oppressed as they are, our people view the latest measure as the last means virtually to obliterate them. The fundamental aim of the Bill is to complete territorial segregation, which can only be achieved by the wholesale movement of long-settled communities without regard for the serious economic and social consequences."

The letter adds that the effect on Indians will be far-reaching and serious, and will bring tragedy.

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Tito offers to negotiate with Italy on Trieste

Bolgrade, April 28. Marshal Tito today offered to negotiate with Italy over the disputed Adriatic Free Territory of Trieste on the basis of a plan he put up three years ago to the Italian Communist leader, Signor Palmiro Togliatti.

Under this plan, Trieste, now divided into a Yugoslav Zone (Zone B) and an Anglo-American Zone (Zone A), would be considered to be under Italian sovereignty if Rome agrees to leave the mainly Slav town of Gorizia, North of Trieste, to Belgrade.

The Marshal, speaking to foreign correspondents for the first time since his rift with Moscow and the Cominform, said it was up to Italy to make the first move on Trieste.

He considered the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, to be mistaken to offer trade and other economic agreements as a basis for the negotiations over the port.

"We will not bargain with the Free Territory of Trieste or use it as a basis for trading," he declared.

Conciliatory tone

The Marshal held the press conference within 24 hours of his most conciliatory speech to the West since he took power. He told the newly elected Assembly yesterday that he wanted the best possible relations with Italy, would appoint a Minister to Greece "in the coming days" and welcomed the rather remarkable economic co-operation with Austria.

The Marshal thought the talk of Cominform opposition to his regime exists only in the mind of the Cominform. He expected the Cominform to keep up its anti-Yugoslav campaign, but did not think it would attack now.

The press conference was held at the White Palace, the former residence of the Yugoslav King outside Belgrade.

"Since Count Sforza's speech we are convinced more than ever that this question is not current because he proposed such conditions on which we cannot carry on any negotiations," Marshal Tito said.

"Otherwise I may say that Yugoslavia is ready if the Italian Government is willing to negotiate on reasonable terms."

In his interview with the foreign correspondents, which lasted one hour and 40 minutes, the man who for more than two years has defied the Kremlin's attempts to dictate to Yugoslavia made these major points:

1. Communist China should be admitted to the United Nations immediately because it would lessen the threat of war and strengthen the United Nations, on which Yugoslavia bases its foreign policy.

2. Marshal Tito believes there is widespread dissatisfaction in Cominform countries, such as Bulgaria, but he sees no possibility of a mass uprising or civil war in the foreseeable future.

3. United States policy towards Yugoslavia is of long-term interest to Yugoslavia because Marshal Tito believes the United States is sincere in its offers of economic help to Yugoslavia.

No reconciliation

4. There is no possibility of reconciliation with the Soviet Union, for at least a certain period of time, but one day relations must become normal or at least bearable.

5. Yugoslavia has not sought to purchase arms from any Western country because there is no urgent need for them. Marshal Tito is of the opinion that there is no likelihood of war at this time.

6. Yugoslavia is anxious to begin negotiations with Italy to settle the Trieste question, but not on the basis of the proposals of the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza. Tito cited the September 1947 agreement with Palmiro Togliatti, calling for the return of Gorizia to Yugoslavia and the return of the city of Trieste to Italy, as still being the Yugoslav policy and basis for any talks.

7. Marshal Tito denied that Yugoslavia is of the opinion that there is no likelihood of war at this time.

8. Tito believes Russia will not be an aggressor and that continued membership of the USSR in the United Nations serves as a deterrent to any action the Russians might otherwise make.

9. He admitted that Yugoslavia was short of consumer goods and that more from other countries with surpluses would help increase food and other production in Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

U.S. STATE DEPT. PLEASED

Washington, April 28.

The State Department today welcomed Marshal Tito's offer yesterday to improve Yugoslav relations with Greece and Italy.

Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department spokesman, said: "It certainly is in the interest of Yugoslavia as well as her neighbours to settle outstanding differences and achieve more normal relations."—Reuter.

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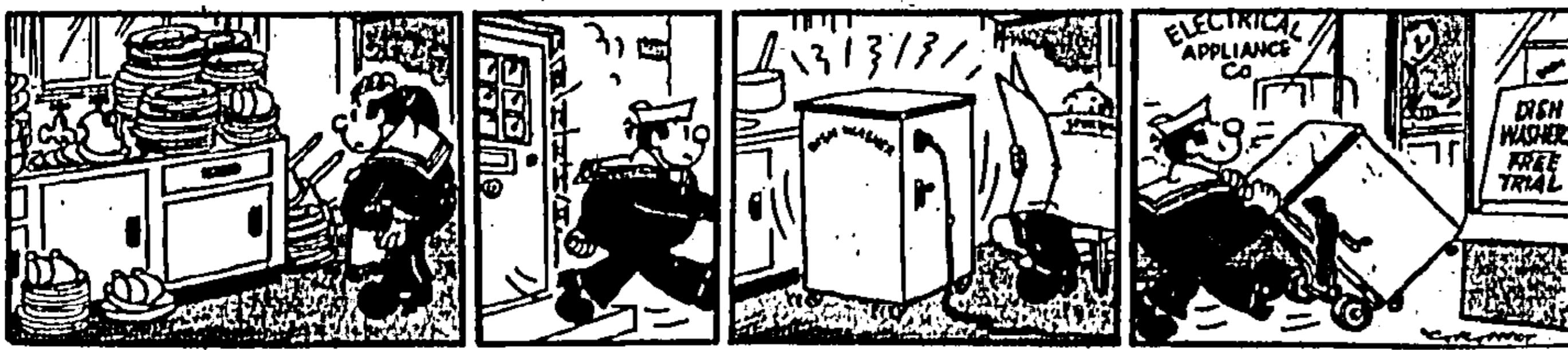
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Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

I do hope that people who live in such large towns as Manchester, Liverpool, Edinburgh, or Glasgow—to name only a few—have been advised by Hilaire Belloc's *Cautious Tale*.

The one about Matilda who Told such Dreadful Lies. It made one Gasp and Stretch one's Eyes; because as a Deception Just and Wise, To Punish her for Telling Lies, Matilda's aunt refused to take her To See that Interesting Play "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray."

Belloc's Matilda missed seeing Mrs. Patrick Campbell—poor girl, Twenty-five years later, any Matilda would have missed Gladys Cooper in the revival.

And this year the Little Lise would risk missing Eileen Herlie, who in two weeks' time starts a tour of many of the big towns, playing "Mrs. Tanqueray," prior to the London production. (In case anyone is unfamiliar with the works of Mr. Belloc, it had better be added that this play is NOT really for children, anyway.)

Eileen Herlie was born and educated in Glasgow, though her father is Irish. Her real name is O'Herlihy, but she thought it impractical to try to make famous a name which nobody in England could either spell or pronounce.

Well, now we've seen her as Queen Gertrude in the film of Olivier's "Hamlet"—on the stage as the tragic queen in love with death in "The Eagle Has Two Heads"—more recently in the film "The Angel with the Trumpet," which is to mention only the best known of her successes. The name has caught on all right. But she is a very good example of the fact that you can't "put your daughter on the stage, Mrs. Worthington"; your daughter has put herself there.

Miss Herlie had no influence to help her. On the contrary, in the

true tradition, her parents took a dim view of her becoming an actress. She won a scholarship to a secretarial college and became a shorthand-typist for three years.

"London is a long way from Glasgow—where you live in Glasgow," remarked Miss Herlie thoughtfully. However, she saved up her salary and came to London with £35 in her pocket. For six months she besieged theatrical agents' offices.

During this period, she told me, simplicity was, to say the least, not the keynote of her dress. "There is no such thing as elegant simplicity at 30 bob," observed Miss Herlie.

"A dress has one real use when you are at the bottom of the theatrical ladder: when you wear the thing you must be SEEN."

She went on to say, with a reminiscent look in her eye, that when a young unknown enters an agent's office she always sees ten other girls who are to all intents and purposes exactly like herself.

So young Eileen Herlie got herself a larger hat and added an extra feather, frill, or fur-below. She might fall for various reasons, but at least it wouldn't be because nobody had noticed her.

A nice sequel to this was when she was with the Old Vic company at Liverpool.

One day at rehearsal producer Peter Glenville called her aside and said: "Listen, dear, I think we can safely say you have progressed to a certain stage along the way to success. That hat can go!" "That hat," was very large and very red—it went.

So the Eileen Herlie who came to luncheon last week was slim and elegant in black suit, with a white guipure lace blouse pinned high at the throat and a neat white gros-grain beret. She

is much more beautiful in the life than on either stage or screen.

But to go back, it wasn't only the eye-catching appearance that rescued Miss Herlie from near starvation at the end of the first six months in London. Frankly, she outclassed Matilda with some opportunity but Dreadful Lies.

She was up against that old ruse: "What experience have you had?" (How do you get experience without experience?) In desperation the young Miss H. announced for herself a past which included a wealth of performances . . . just stopping short of Lady Macbeth. She landed the role of about 30 lines as a maid, and at the same time understudied Winifred Shottter in "The Divorce of Lady X".

It made her colleagues wonder if she was quite such an old hand when she hadn't a clue what "Treasury" was on Friday ("You go and GET your money dear," they only bring it to the stars), and when she exclaimed delightedly at the prospect of playing twice nightly, NOBODY in the theatre LIKES playing twice nightly.

However, unlike Matilda, who, of course, came to a sticky end, young Eileen's whoppers did not burn; because though she may have tricked them into giving her a chance, she had what it took to make that chance good.

Now, hailed as a great dramatic actress, she is still only 30 years old. I think she has looked it since she was 20 and am prepared to bet she will also look beautiful 30 when she is nearer 60.

Her performance as Mrs. Tanqueray—dressed by Cecil Beaton, too—is something to look forward to—with a sense of excitement and a feeling of real "theatre" in the air.

LOVE AND MARRIAGE

Marriage implies a choice made for life. There are, however, fairly numerous characters who find such total constancy not easy. Faithfulness is no more natural to them than a cage to a tiger.

This does not mean they are wanting in affection to their husband or their wife, but, as Bernard Shaw put it more or less correctly: "There is no reason because one likes a good wine to have one's mouth full of it all the time."

To the young men and girls of 1950, each of whom, I suppose, leads a fairly free life, it seems strange and sometimes trying to find themselves reduced suddenly to the intimacy of one person.

Time for friends

"When a man has only one wife," once wrote an American student, "it is called monotony."

To which statement certain people will reply: "But why should one give up these friendships after marriage? Why should not a young wife or young husband, from time to time, dine and go out with friends of the opposite sex?"

It is, perhaps, not the custom in Latin countries, but in Anglo-Saxon countries we have more control over ourselves, and jealousy is less exacting.

This reply had already been given many years ago, to the Empress Eugenie, who shook her head and said: "Yes, I know . . . in Spain we don't do it. . . . In this country you say it is all right but it isn't."

I do not entirely agree with her. There are some cases when it is all right. When a husband and wife love each other with all their hearts, they are not likely to give way to the attraction of one evening.

Liberty is useful

A little conjugal liberty is useful for two reasons. The first is that marriage must never become slavery; if it did it would be hated. The second is that a certain freshening of ideas is necessary to all intelligent people.

But isn't it enough if the couple see friends together? Not always. A certain kind of intimate conversation, the most interesting kind, is only possible between two people.

A husband and wife are never quite themselves in the presence of each other and a third.

The old adage "Two is company, three is a crowd" is especially true in marriage. You must either remain alone together or be with many people. In a big party, and even among a group of friends, this conjugal embarrassment disappears.

I think, then, that it is wise to allow your partner a certain freedom, and not to show exaggerated jealousy because of a conversation, a visit, or a walk taken outside married life.

One condition

But there is one condition—an essential one: there must be complete frankness from one side to the other.

The painful thing is not to know that your husband or your wife has his or her personal

friends. It is not knowing it, guessing it by rotteness, or by involuntary admissions; it is to doubt, it is to wonder whether the being one lover is really faithful.

In marriage fidelity and, above all, sincerity must be absolute.

Certain frivolous men, because they do not attach much importance to themselves to quickly forgotten actions, or to compliments they make without thinking, are tempted to believe that a little "philandering" does no harm. They are mistaken.

What seems to them to be harmless risks being serious for two women: the one who is being courted, and who may take the game seriously, and the wife who may be thrown by the man's lies into the horrible torments of jealousy.

Holidays repay

It is complete in between one side and the other, and if the experience of communal life has engendered a mutual confidence, then freedom becomes both possible and agreeable.

Happy couples may, from time to time, allow each other holidays from marriage. Sometimes the wife may spend a few weeks with her family, sometimes she may take the children to the seaside. Sometimes the husband may go away on business.

Such separations produce the best results when the couple are really united. Each suffers from the absence of the other. Husband

and wife discover that the only conversations that really interest them are those they have together.

Above all, there are the letters which, made more sentimental by distance and by longing, allow the re-saying of tender things which, from a certain bashfulness, had been dropped from the day-to-day married life.

Hence, absence, if it is not too long, may be followed by an Indian summer of love.

In the happiest marriages the time comes quite quickly when one no longer has any wish for change or for freedom. He who loves truly finds a perfect pleasure in walking among the thoughts of the loved one each day, just as he finds pleasure in wandering through the paths of his garden.

And when it comes to needing a change, a woman who loves with strength and intelligence learns to freshen her ideas. She does not bask idly in the certainty of being loved. She forces herself to keep in touch with everything that interests her husband. He, in his turn, does the same.

Freedom in love is a problem of youth. An old and happy couple enjoy life too much to be troubled by desires for any more holidays from marriage.

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The Attractions of Buddhism

Mr. Brook Bernacchi, barrister-at-law, is a man who has accepted Buddhism as a more potent factor in the approach to religious philosophy than Christianity.

He came to Hong Kong in 1945 when he was still in the Services—he was a major during the war—and decided to stay here because he liked the place.

Mr. Bernacchi says he knew very little about Buddhism before he came to the East. However, the higher philosophies of the Mahayana school so impressed him that he has since delved deeper and deeper into the subject.

He denies that he has abandoned Christianity. He considers himself just as much a Christian

as he is of Buddhism.

Mr. Bernacchi often gives the impression of being too concerned with the welfare of Hong Kong. This is perhaps due to the fact that from youth he has never been interested in any one problem without trying his best to get to the bottom of it.

As a barrister, he has cut and dried notions about the merits of justice, and believes in this regard that not only must justice be done but it must appear to be done. Similarly, not only must a government be satisfactory, but it must appear to be satisfactory.

Mr. Bernacchi is not fond of living in the city because he dislikes noise of any kind. He has a house on Lantau Island, perched on an incline 1,000 feet above sea-level. He visits it every week-end, and spends pleasant hours contemplating the merits of Taoism as opposed to Buddhism, and why modern Christianity and Buddhism appear to differ so much.

I find his approach to religious philosophy more practical than theoretical, and in line with the attitude of most Western seekers after truth who turn to the East, he has already begun to scoff the strict conventions which in the past governed his comprehension of religion.

In terms of the world of matter, Mr. Bernacchi seems to me ready to follow Gautama Buddha, who was born a prince, but who renounced his riches because they handicapped him in his pursuit of Godliness. To him the deep philosophy of Buddhism must not be interpreted in terms of idolatry; but again, they must either inspire adherence or their significance will be sterile.

Mr. Sparrow is a soft-spoken man who shares a flat with a friend and who goes out seldom. Although every inch a policeman, evidence of a kindly disposition continually betray his Gaelic emotionalism. He believes in the strict observance of the law, but tells me he is always ready to adapt the law to new sets of conditions as they present themselves.

Though he is severe and permits no nonsense with principles, he is not a hard man to deal with. Like the law which he guards faithfully, Mr. Sparrow appears often sterner than he actually is.

Mr. Sparrow is a vigorous and untrammelled, and her control was achieved after arduous lessons extending many years. She thinks the A minor concerto by Schuman one of the loveliest pieces of music ever written for the piano and orchestra.

She would like to do Brahms piano-concerto in Hong Kong, but she is afraid the people here might find it too dry. She acknowledges the masterly beauty of the Rachmaninoff No. 2, but she claims that it is not played in Europe as often as in the United States.

The Tchaikovsky No. 1, of course, remains the ultimate goal of every concert pianist, and she hopes to be able to perform it here before she leaves.

Miss Renner is devoted to music by choice. She agrees with the Bard of Avon that music is the food of the soul.

is looking forward to a pleasant journey. This will be his first leave since his return from the United Kingdom after the war. He spent the occupation period in Stanley, and left after the liberation for a short repatriation tour.

Mr. Sparrow is a large, broad-shouldered man who has been with the Hong Kong police for more than 20 years. He never held any other job. He came out East shortly after leaving Dublin University, and with the exception of a short period in Wehrheim when it was still under British control, and in India where he learned Urdu, he has always been in the Colony.

He comes from French forbears, many of whom settled in South Ireland during the French revolutionary troubles. La Barre is a familiar name in Normandy.

Mr. Sparrow came here as a police probationer and gradually rose to his present position as Deputy Commissioner. Few men are as thoroughly familiar with the workings of the local police as he. His long service has enabled him to participate in the growth of the organisation from the small force it originally was to its present size.

When he first came there were only two Chinese inspectors in the service; now there are 140. He has long shared with the Commissioner of Police, Mr. D. W. MacIntosh, the belief that the Chinese element of the Hong Kong Police merit promotion to positions of responsibility. Conditions of service for them—in line with this policy—have substantially improved, and today a better-class of Chinese is being

born in the Colony.

She is tall, blonde and evidently aware of her particular gifts. There is a lot of art in her—bold assertiveness, a dominating personality. She imparts an inescapable Teutonic assumption to everything she says or does.

Miss Renner gave a piano recital when she was 10 years old before a concert audience in Europe, and held her own against the competition of much more experienced hands. She won a European prize in 1933.

She is living in Hong Kong with her mother and sister. Her father died in an accident in Shanghai.

She thinks very highly of the Sino-British Orchestra and believes that with its present composition and strength it could go a long way to promote appreciation of better music in the Colony.

Beethoven, Brahms and Schuman are no longer beyond the goal of the Orchestra which, as body of non-professional musicians, has certainly improved since its first uncertain concert a few seasons ago, she told me.

Miss Renner plans a musical career for herself, and hopes to return to Europe later this year for a series of recitals. She will not return to the Far East if enough inducements are provided over there.

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Pianist to perform

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She is a graduate of the Munich Conservatory of Music and enjoys a local reputation as tonal master of the piano. She studied under Professor Fennbaur, who is linked with Liszt by virtue of some lessons which he had had from him.

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Mr. Halpern has achieved wide fame despite the unfamiliarity of his technique. His works have been exhibited in most of the prominent European art galleries, including the Royal Academy, London.

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Warm-hearted and sincere, he identifies the Jaycees movement with youthful progress, and hopes to do his best to make its influence felt in Hong Kong.

Jaycee president

The first president of the Hong Kong Junior Chamber of Commerce is a young man who believes in all sincerity that his new organisation will play an important part in the promotion of civic responsibility in the Colony.

He is Mr. Edward Tan, son of Dr. W. H. Tan, former Vice-President of the American-owned Shanghai Telephone Company.

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Sydney, April 25.

Solemn celebrations in remembrance of Australia's war heroes have added another link to the Anzac Day chain of memory, but dawn and sunset services, mounds of flowers about the cenotaphs, and processions of veterans are not enough in a world uneasily at peace.

Past mistakes of not being ready to meet an enemy under any conditions will not be repeated. If returned men heed the warning of the wartime commander of the Eighth Division, Lieutenant General Gordon Bennett, who sees the possibility of Australia having another war on her hands in two or three years.

Certainly the international situation for Anzac Day, 1950, bears out the RSL motto: "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance," and the returned men will repeat their service to the nation if they use their influence in the community to ensure that Australia is prepared to fight the most modernly equipped enemy.

The menace of militant Communism is uncomfortably close and from the signs it would appear to be the normal thing for Australia and New Zealand to give active assistance in defeating the Communist armed forces in Malaya. Australian Minister Harrison's statement: "Malaya's problem is Australia's problem," has aroused tremendous enthusiasm in the British Press, but if Australia is to help in Malaya she will expect to sit in and speak up when the British Government takes counsel on the political and military strategy of the campaign.

To Australian eyes oddest feature of the Malayan business is the fact that five to seven thousand Communists have held out so successfully against 70,000 well-armed troops. This set-up jerks the strings of memory more sharply than any mere calendar date and the men of the Eighth Division are not alone in recalling the unfortunate circumstances in which Singapore fell to the Japanese.

Current national service scheme provides for call up of 20,000 to 25,000 young men for training in the services in the first year of the scheme but as yet Cabinet has not got down to details owing to the difficulty of finding enough competent instructors. "Canberra gossip is that the Government intends to bring Australian troops back from Japan to form the nucleus of an instructional staff for call up trainees; colour being given by back room opinions that there is no longer any real need to keep even a token force in Japan. Date for the return of the troops is expected to be given any day after Cabinet starts the selective national service scheme—the right of selection being limited by the trainees' education, physical fitness, and the number of men required by each of the services.

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Most pleasant surprise packet for overseas visitors fortunate enough to visit the Federal Capital as autumn is handing over to winter, is the blaze of colour

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provided by the imported deciduous shrubs and trees. Those who said that these exotics would be out of place with Australian native trees had not the vision to know how effectively they would blend and beautify the surroundings when the silver blue boles and dark green leaves of the lordly eucalypti were ranged cheek by jowl with trees whose native habitat is as far removed as Asia, Europe and America.

For sheer beauty there is nothing to excel autumn in Canberra. Gorgeous maples with finely cut foliage in vivid crimson, scarlet and orange, yellow colouring glow even brighter in the clear sunlight. Proud oaks show leaves that look as though beaten out of burnished copper while others with crimson foliage show up more intensely against the beauty of golden ash. In this riot of colour the rhus put on their brightest robes as they strive for mystery, and gaiety is added by the berry-bearing shrubs in contrast to the classic charm of cypresses, cedars and spruce.

The best flowering trees and shrubs would be hard pressed to equal the display put on by Canberra's 7,000,000 carefully chosen and artistically grouped trees framed by the green-gold of the surrounding hills. Jaded parliamentarians take heart at this season because of the crowds that every day fill the public galleries, forgetting that a visit to the House is more often than not regarded as a rest period by the majority who travel to feast on beauty that is out of this world, in the season when the Capital Territory dons its Joseph's Coat of many colours.

For those who had ears to hear, three dramas of political significance were enacted when Parliament reassembled. The censure motion against the Speaker was a dark blot for Government supporters and even a number of Labour members were edgy about the turn events had taken.

However, the Prime Minister came up with a masterpiece of diplomacy which was all the more brilliant because it was common knowledge that his heart was not in the job of defending the Speaker. But he spoke most convincingly and so turned the whole argument against the Opposition's motives that he swung attention away from the right or wrong of what the Speaker had done, and when he moved the closure there was no hostile demonstration from the Opposition.

Unfortunate from the Government's point of view was the collapse of the second reading of the Bank Bill. Nevertheless the tactics employed showed which way the wind is blowing in the Senate, and emphasised what can happen whenever the Opposition there pleases. Whether Labour will use its powers in the Senate to force matters to the stage when the Prime Minister may demand a double dissolution, is still one of the unanswered questions in Canberra.

Quests and clinics

Whether or not the Miss Something-or-other contests are good for the community and/or the individual is a moot point but the tooth and claw tactics which rounded off the biggest of them all, the Miss Australia competition, might prove the death-knell of this particular quest now easily tagged 'operation neurosis.'

First fly in the ointment was the petty inter-State jealousies which tailed off into a tiresome

squabble about the 'haves' and the 'have-nots' in the what-it-takes-for-a-chaperone class. Since the nonsense is anything but good publicity for Australia, flags are being waved to attract attention to the very good cause for which the quest came into being.

This is the establishment of a clinic for ex-Servicemen which is to be a miniature of the famous Mayo clinic at Rochester, U.S., and it is not only medical history of first-rate importance but a service to returned men which cannot be measured in terms of money. The Clinic, to be known as the Neurological Diagnostic Centre, will eventually form part of the new Anzac House, the 12-storeyed building to be built at the corner of Martin Place and Macquarie Street, Sydney. At least 30 per cent of ex-Servicemen seeking repatriation benefits are suffering from some form of nervous disorder and the continuing effects of the war are seen in the large number of new applications handled each month. As things stand when a returned man makes a claim for treatment through the Repatriation Department there is a delay of about four months before a verdict is given, but the League expects that the new centre will finalise diagnosis within 48 hours.

First disciples of the Mayo Brothers to introduce their efficient clinic methods to the Commonwealth were two British doctors, and their work for the community is a worthy monument to the men who inspired it. Even so these specialists regard us of far greater importance than their work with the International Knowledge of Living Fellowship.

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Canned bird music

Reciprocalies have opened up the possibility of a fascinating new recreation and a possible business and scientific pursuit in the recording on wire of the voices of the Australian bush. In the 15 years that have elapsed since the ABC with ornithological assistance gave broadcasts of lyre-birds giving voice in their natural habitat in Victoria, nothing further was done in this field until recently when a Danish radio station forwarded records of European birds and requested and exchange disc of our bird voices. Into the field went a wire-recording unit to do its best, and label the various songs and calls, giving edited recordings that will provide material for educative and entertaining broadcasts.

Meanwhile, Messrs. Norman Chaffer, noted for his bird and flower colour films, and Mel Nichols, who made the delightful busi film "Time Off", embarked on a similar type of work. Most significant developments from both the popular and scientific aspects are the combination of voice recordings and colour films which will be used to retain the vocal and feathered

charm of rare and vanishing birds. They will be invaluable to ornithologists, and Alec Chisholm F.R.Z.S. sees in them a likely aid in solving the problem of why some Australian birds practice vocal mimicry. Abroad they should give the lie to that hasty line about our "songless bright birds".

Of this and that

Six months ago a young officer of the Victorian Health Department traced 30 cases of poliomyelitis as having been worsened by the combined whooping cough-diphtheria vaccine, but the discovery was kept secret so that parents would not become alarmed and stop the immunisation of their children. Doctors, however, discontinued using the combined vaccine. Following the discovery backing large-scale research into virus infections of the central nervous system in the hope of finding if certain kinds of medical treatment can cause virus diseases apart from poliomyelitis; if virus attacks on the nervous system can be diagnosed more quickly, and whether some virus diseases known by other names are near-poliomyelitis.

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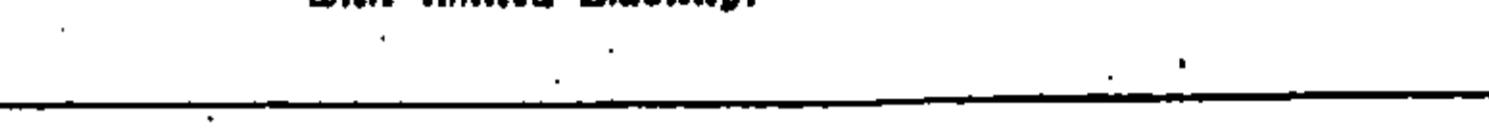
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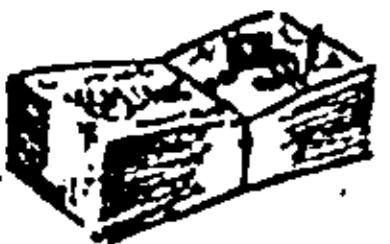
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PLAN UPON PLAN UPON PLAN

All of us are familiar with the jingle on the infinite diversity of a certain insect as showing the boundless provision of Nature. We are reminded of it by the latest ECAFE Press release which deals with plans, planners and planning for industrial development in Asia and the Far East. First the planners got to work in the separate territories and etched in their heart's desire. Then ECAFE indulged in two full years of intensive research into the paper-work of these planners. The reports of the Working Party made a frightening volume; fearful to study and fearsome to behold in the imaginative vision of a transformed Asia full of chimneys and industrial ages.

Of course something had to be done about it, and the Singapore Conference in October last set up a Committee on Industry and Trade with strict orders to pick out a few specific projects and programmes of special importance to the region which might also have promise of early and successful realisation. The Commission now reports that a practical approach to this task has been made; so the ground is fairly clear for the "Point Four" planners and technicians to get to work on the ECAFE planning of the national or regional planners. ECAFE men scoured the earth, or at least this part of the earth, gathering a wealth of information on detailed aspects of specific projects. Their report will be put before the Committee on Industry and Trade when it meets in Bangkok on May 9.

In the meantime progress has been made in the down-to-earth descent. Governments are coming to realize the need for "translating broad generalisations expressing aspirations for industrial development into quantitative terms." With delicate but superior innuendoes, the ECAFE report refers to the lack of even elementary considerations of capital, foreign exchange, raw materials and technical personnel needed to carry out the projects. The programmes were not even co-ordinated as part of a well-balanced economy. But this is being looked into. "Only recently" some Governments set up high-level planning boards to look over the individual plans and co-ordinate them into a national plan. Of course, ECAFE will then co-ordinate the individual plans (which are co-ordinated into the national plan) into an international plan ready for further operation by the Point Four planners and executioners.

Over-all plans with long-term objectives "are not lacking" but only in a few instances do these appear to be based "upon adequate appraisal as to the sum-total long-term economic and other benefits or difficulties that might result from their implementation." Nor has proper attention been paid to the relation of these plans to world economy or even to the economies of countries with which trade relationships are close.

Let us leave the problems of planning and replanning on paper and try to see what it is the ECAFE area most wants. We are told that multi-purpose hydro-electric power projects easily take first rank. Together these particular plans would cost some \$12.78 million and only half that sum would be required in foreign ex-

MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM

It is high time that statesmanship both in Britain and in the Middle East made some fresh and determined effort to end the perilous uncertainty which overhangs the future of the Middle Eastern world.

Only five years ago it was reasonable to hope that the Palestine problem might be solved, security reorganized and economic progress stimulated throughout that area by international action under the aegis of Lake Success. Those hopes have proved dupes, but the task of rebuilding both military and social security must be resumed. The question is where to begin.

In a highly complex situation, bedevilled both by old feuds and by new, there is good reason to believe that a fresh endeavour by Britain and Egypt to resolve their mutual differences may constitute the most promising line of advance.

The key to Middle Eastern security lies now, as always, in the Suez Isthmus. That is the indispensable base for any sound organisation of Middle Eastern defence; and if Britain and Egypt could reach a new agreement upon the Treaty of 1936, which established British rights in the Suez Canal Zone but terminates six years hence, there would be firmer ground for confidence in the maintenance of external and internal peace in the whole of the Middle East.

A Grudge

Egyptian feeling on that treaty is easy to understand. It is true enough that Egypt was independent as a nation long before the United Nations, long after the threat to Egypt herself had been banished by our victory at Alamein and the historic sweep of the Eighth Army across North Africa; but we were not uniformly tactful in the use which we made of our treaty rights.

No country likes its capital to be under military occupation by a foreign Power, and Cairo continued to enjoy that privilege for more than three years after Alamein.

The preoccupations of a life-and-death struggle stretching right across the world were some excuse while war was still being waged; but Cairo and Alexandria should have been evacuated as rapidly as possible after hostilities had ceased, especially as certain war-time incidents had seriously aggravated the strain of our war-time demands on Egypt.

Security, after all, is never cheap. None of the signatories of the North Atlantic Pact—not Britain nor France nor Canada nor even the United States—can afford its cost alone, and Egypt is surely in the same case.

If we admit all this, and acknowledge with gratitude the invaluable co-operation accorded us in many different ways, Egypt on her side has little reason to feel that implementation of the treaty was not of service to her as well.

However disagreeable may have been some features of our conduct in the war, our presence by treaty right upon her soil, albeit for our own ends, saved her from a ruthless invasion by

In all countries the claims of defence have to be reconciled with those of social and economic progress; and no safe balance can be struck between the two unless nations with vital interests in common combine to help each other in striking it. Is not this a field in which Egyptian statesmanship may revise its former standards of national self-sufficiency, like the rest of us?

Egypt's needs

Even more than France and Britain, Egypt needs every pound she can devote to the bettering of life in the overcrowded valley of the Nile. There is, in response to this need, an urge for social work and progress in Egypt with some achievement to its credit which no country can outshine: educated women, no less than men are devoting themselves to social work of all kinds with eager zest.

The effort towards social reform cannot rise to the measure of Egypt's needs if the costs of maintenance and efficiency in the Suez Canal area (and all such costs are growing rapidly) are to fall on Egypt alone; but she can

achieve security in the field both of social reform and of defence

if she will pursue it as other nations are doing in co-operation with proved friends and allies. One must assume that the Security Pact adopted at the recent meeting of the Arab League

Opinion is moreover changing, and the main question now is how to mould the better understanding which both countries desire into practical shape. The future of the Suez Canal Zone is, for the world, the most important of the issues to be faced, and it needs to be tackled with objective common sense. After hard experience the West has ceased to regard the necessities of joint organisation for security as inconsistent with national sovereignty and pride.

If the American Air Force and its installations can be made free of English soil, if the Royal Air Force and other British troops can count on equal facilities in France and the Low Countries, is it reasonable that Egypt should regard us as affront some comparable arrangement for the vital area between Suez and Port Said?

Security, after all, is never cheap. None of the signatories of the North Atlantic Pact—not Britain nor France nor Canada nor even the United States—can afford its cost alone, and Egypt is surely in the same case.

It is that the whole world will be the safer if agreement could be attained.

INDIA AND PAKISTAN

Credit is due to Pandit Nehru and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan for signing an agreement to protect each other's co-religionists from persecution and massacre; and further credit for accepting the Security Council's proposal that an Australian judge, Sir Owen Dixon, should act as mediator in arranging the disarmament which it is agreed must precede the plebiscite in Kashmir.

These are first steps towards healing the conflict between India and Pakistan.

Both Prime Ministers by taking them incur unpopularity, and even, as Mr. Gandhi's fate has shown, risk their lives.

But the alternative, if the conflict persists, must inevitably be war; which would not only be a disaster of the first magnitude for the Indian sub-continent, but would, it may be thought, be even more dangerous to the two statesmen personally than the

course they have now embarked on.

It remains to be seen how the Delhi agreement will be carried out. It is a detailed and rather complicated document, as any practical document on this subject was bound to be. But the test of its efficiency is simple, and will be quickly applied.

It is that an Indian living in Pakistan or a Pakistani living in India should be able to look for

ly separated areas) the weaker-seeming; and its Government can consequently appeal for a stricter discipline.

Secondly, there is not on that side any extreme communal organisation so strong as the Hindu Mahasabha, which speaks with a voice of fanatical authority, to be quickly applied.

Those hours are completely lost. No matter how much he tries, he will never recall them.

This is the danger signal which thousands experience and ignore. The familiar sheepish question, "How was I last night?" is not a joke. It is a human calamity.

"Because," explains Archibald, "it is at this point that he should seek help. But he hardly ever does. He goes on drinking."

"It is at this point the paddling alibi gets a medical check-up and takes psychological advice.

Archibald says he may revert to a normal social drinker. Without help he is lost.

About two years after the first "black out" the drinker finds that no matter how little he planned to take, he will always take far more and end up drunk. This is the second major symptom and is labelled "loss of control."

The two States immediately concerned need the closest mutual co-operation. Despite the anti-socialism of the Government of the country in which he lives, and not have to seek it across the border.

This test cannot be put aside; the problem will present itself day by day; and unless the new provisions solve it, they will very soon become waste paper.

Perhaps that was why, when General McNaughton's proposals for the Kashmir plebiscite were put forward under the aegis of United Nations, the Pakistan Government was able to consent to them and the Indian Government was not.

But whatever the cause, the Indian refusal created a most dangerous deadlock, from which the recent acceptance by both sides of the mediation of Sir Owen Dixon offers the first faint prospect of their emerging.

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AUSTRALIA'S LABOUR PARTY THREATEN TO SPLIT OVER RED ISSUE

Labour opposition to Prime Minister's bill

Sydney, April 28. Australia's Labour Party threatened to split wide open today over the Conservative Government's decision to outlaw the Communist Party. Labour opposition to the bill led by the ex-Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, previously insisted that they should fight the bill on the grounds that there should be no interference in the union rights to choose their own officers. Several prominent Labour leaders indicated today, however, there was a bitter conflict of opinion in the Party ranks which may lead to a major crisis.

Guerillas' short little offensive

Singapore, April 28. Guerillas have opened a new "little offensive" in Malaya with a dynamite attack, raids and ambushes in the past 24 hours.

They broke a week-end lull in their attacks as Royal Air Force planes pounded their jungle hideouts. One gang dynamited a railway bridge in Johore State last night, blowing up a pilot train which passed over the bridge ahead of a passenger train. The driver and firemen escaped uninjured.

This was the second attempt since June, 1948, on the bridge, which lies on the Belah-Pahoh line 70 miles north of Johore Bahru, at the Northern end of the Singapore Causeway.

Railway officials reported today that the bridge was repaired and open to traffic again.

About the same time guerillas ambushed a lorry on the Sungai Kelam Estate in the Gemas area of Johore, killing one special constable and wounding another.

Police station attacked

Farther North, at Mentakab, in Pahang State, a large number of terrorists attacked the Kerda Police Station for about an hour without causing casualties.

Guerillas who ambushed a police patrol on an estate between Kuala Lumpur and Ipoh, in Perak, killed nine men.

Throughout the daylight hours of yesterday and today Royal Air Force bombers and fighters made 30 sorties against guerilla jungle hideouts. Their targets were in the dense forests on the Western mountain slopes of Pahang State and in Negri Sembilan State.

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Three big Communist-controlled unions are expected to decide the policy on the bill within a week. The Communist press took a definite line, the Sydney " Tribune" bannered, "Smash this rotten bill; don't let Menzies become a dictator."—United Press.

UN hails Kashmir agreement

Lake Success, April 28. The emergence of better understanding and more friendly relations between India and Pakistan, officially announced at the end of the Nehru-Liaquat Ali Khan talks in Karachi, was hailed with the greatest satisfaction in United Nations circles.

At no time during the two years, it was said, had there existed a greater feeling of optimism among the group of United Nations delegations that have been trying to remove causes of friction between India and Pakistan.

The President of the Security Council, Mr. Mahmoud Bey Fawzi, of Egypt, told Reuter that when the New Delhi agreement was reached he had welcomed it as the representative of Egypt in the United Nations.

The results of the Karachi talks was yet another encouraging sign, it was said. "I am particularly gratified at the new trend indicated by the Nehru-Liaquat All contacts," he said, "and I am looking forward to more such fruitful meetings between the two leaders."

The spokesmen of other delegations expressed similar enthusiastic sentiments and hoped that Sir Owen Dixon, who is to place the onus-on-the-accused-to-prove they are not guilty, the second criticism involves the government's right to send authorised persons to search any premises without a warrant.

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Romulo backs up UN

New York, April 28. Brigadier General Carlos P. Romulo, President of the United Nations General Assembly, said today that the UN is the only workable link in the world between the East and the West.

Commenting in a statement on the proposal of the former U.S. President, Mr. Herbert Hoover, that the UN should be reorganized without the Communist nations, General Romulo declared:

"If the conflict between the great powers threatens to divide the nascent world community into two, the remedy is not to harden the cleavage by splitting the United Nations; the wiser course would be to do everything possible to maintain and strengthen the UN, which is the only workable bridge that we have today between the two hostile camps on either side of the chasm."

General Romulo, who also heads the Philippine mission to the UN, said it was a misconception to believe that because of the East-West cold war, the United Nations has been defeated as a preserver of the peace.

UN structure

Romulo said the UN is not intended nor equipped to settle quarrels of the big Powers and that the entire structure of the organization is based on big power co-operation. It is wrong, he added, to blame the UN because the big powers have not resolved their differences.

Despite the handicaps of the East-West struggle, General Romulo declared, the UN has helped to maintain peace and prevent war. He cited as examples Palestine, Iran and Indonesia.

General Romulo predicted that the East-West cold war might be viewed by future historians as only a minor episode compared with the movement of the peoples of Asia and Africa towards a greater freedom—a movement, General Romulo said, guided by the UN.

The Assembly President said there is ample scope within the UN for groups of nations to protect their common interest. He added:

"A UN reorganized to include only those nations who are prepared to line up with one great power against another would not be a world organization. It would be only a magnified regional association. We must guard against the temptation to reduce the UN to that status."—Aksoy.

United States to decide whether to retain bases in Japan or allow a Japanese army to be formed. This, officials said, was because the United States bore the major costs of the war in the Pacific and the occupation of Japan. They said Britain would seek to obtain Commonwealth agreement on the point, which would probably prove the most difficult of all.

Officials emphasized that a Commonwealth draft for a Japanese treaty was not expected to emerge from the Commonwealth Committee meetings. They said such a draft could not be drawn up until the United States' views were known.—United Press.

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Chick's merciless eyes glanced swiftly down the silent street. It was 4 a.m. The lamps had gone out. But if a policeman had lurked among the shadows, Chick's master-criminal brain would have known. For he was the most dreaded and ruthless of all kidnappers. Chick was the leader of London's test-or-ganised blackmail gang.

Or at least such was the scene as Chick saw it himself that early morning of June 3, 1938, as he stealthily entered a telephone box and dialed a Mayfair number.

When he spoke he did not know that I was listening on a private extension. I could hear his voice. It was cold, menacing.

"You will be ready with £250 cash if you want to save your baby son—do exactly as I say, no tricks, or he will get a sharp-point stuck in his pretty blue eyes before we dump him in the Thames."

The story had begun two days earlier, in the expensive Mayfair apartments of a West End actress and her wealthy young banker husband. We will call her Clare St. Cloud. She is today a famous star of stage, screen and radio. You all know her name, but she has asked me not to disclose it.

After seeing his son, I think I understand.

Rehearsed the vital words

There was one phone in the lounge and an extension in the bedroom. We arranged that when the phone rang I was to carry the lounge phone out into the corridor and St. Cloud would bring the bedroom extension to the bedroom door, where we could see each other and pick up our phones simultaneously to avoid any eavesdropping click on the wire.

"What shall I say to him?" he asked. "Let the kidnapper do the talking. He may ask if you intend to pay the money. Tell him you'll do anything he says."

"I'll pay you the money—I'll do anything you say," repeated Mr. St. Cloud dutifully. His wife murmured: "Let me rehearse you!" We spent the rest of the evening rehearsing those few lines.

At last she had him convincingly perfect—just enough fear, anxiety, eagerness to comply with the kidnapper's instructions—the right tone of denial should "Chick" challenge: "Have you told the police?"

Then the door opened. It was Miss McAndrew, pawky, sternly Scottish day-nurse to the newly-born baby. "I'll be going home tonight," she announced firmly. "I've put sheets on the spare bed—I'll be sleeping with the wee bairn!"

"But it's all right, Nurse McAndrew," said Mrs. St. Cloud soothingly. "We have Inspector Fabian from Scotland Yard staying with us tonight."

"Naturally you will think of notifying the police. You can—if you wish; we are well organised and will carry out our intentions at the slightest suspicion of any tricks. There's nothing to worry about if you do as we say—CHICK."

Mr. St. Cloud came at once to Vine Street police station, where I was in the CID. "I will pay the £250, Inspector," he said anxiously. "But give me police protection for my son until this devil has got his money and will leave us alone."

Now Mr. St. Cloud, though young, had a reputation in the City as a shrewd businessman. So I marvelled at his innocence, as he sat in my plainly-furnished CID office, twitching his cigarette. "You realise that if you pay £250 there will be further demand, in a couple of weeks, for £500?"

"What else can I do except pay? My child's life might be forfeit!"

"This blackmailer is to phone after midnight tonight. Have you an extension on the phone at your flat?"

I laid a trap in the park

Placid in her rocking-chair, sat the Scottish nurse, Miss McAndrew, still in her prim, starched uniform, though it was an hour beyond midnight. She was knitting by firelight, spectacles on the tip of her nose, alongside the frilly pink treasure-cot where the week-old baby girl slept.

She nodded doily, indicated a large ebony ruler that lay across her knee, and said: "Never bother your head about this bairn, In-

"We have—why?"
"Because in that case I would like to be your guest tonight."

Seems grateful

He seemed grateful, relieved. Yet after he had left my office about 20 minutes, one of my men phoned me: "Mr. Fabian—I followed Mr. St. Cloud as you instructed. He has just drawn £250 from his bank."

I sighed, but went around that evening to the St. Cloud's beautifully furnished flat. I took a toothbrush and razor. Mrs. St. Cloud, her celebrated golden hair glistening in the firelight, was

spectator—there's nobody will lay mortal finger on her this night!" We exchanged dignified salutes and returned to our watch.

The lounge was warm, lit by soft red embers of fire. The sofa was comfortable. I removed jacket and shoes, slid under the satin-edged blankets. But sleep would not come. I kept thinking of Peter in his cot, asleep among his dolls, and of the type of man who could snatch a little child out from its own bed.

At 4 a.m. the phone rang. Mr.

St. Cloud and I took our telephones out into the corridor, lifted the receivers together. After he had delivered his lines as his actress wife had taught him, the harsh, deriding voice of "Chick" replied: "You will get your orders tomorrow at 4 p.m." He rang off.

St. Cloud made coffee and we sat and talked awhile. After hearing the voice of "Chick" I was privately afraid he might be a violent lunatic.

Next morning I took little Peter to play with his toy airplane in Hyde Park. I kept sending the plane towards the trees, and Peter trotted after it, trustingly. I wanted to give the kidnapper every chance. He would not know that the girl who lay apparently asleep on the grass among the trees was Policewoman Amy Ettridge (now Inspector and Senior Woman Detective at Scotland Yard) who was a judo expert.

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Threat among the fan mail

But the trap failed. I took the child back to the flat.

At 4 p.m. "Chick" phoned. This time his orders were precise: "Walk from your flat, alone. Go to White Horse Street. Wait until you can get a taxi to High Street, Bloomsbury, and Claring Cross road corner. Take the money with you, Go to the men's toilets. Wait."

This was it. I hurried out down the fire-escape, snatched a taxi and raced to the place. Divisional Detective Inspector Beveridge, head of Vine Street CID (now Chief Detective Superintendent) trailed St. Cloud in a car, and at Bloomsbury dropped him off. Policewoman Ettridge, who now carried a laden shopping-basket.

We waited three hours. I was in solitary confinement in one of the toilet cubicles, using a mirror as periscope. No sign of "Chick."

I had spotted nobody keeping observation. Yet that evening the phone rang again. It was "Chick."

"I am glad to see you are prepared to obey orders," he sneered. "Now walk to Curzon Street, turn into Shepherd's Market, leave the £250 between the phone books in the kiosk in Trebeck Street."

I phoned Mr. Beveridge. He picked me up in a taxi that still had its flag up. We both lay on the floor, and the driver, under instructions, "cruised" towards Shepherd's Market.

Saw him take the money

We got to the phone box before St. Cloud. He did not know we were there. Using a mirror once more as periscope, we watched him leave the money between the phone books. He had insisted upon leaving real money.

Then he went away. We waited. The taxi-driver, playing up wonderfully, got out of his cab, stretched himself, lit his pipe, and began to tinker with the headlamps.

Minutes passed...to Chick, wherever he was in the shadows, they must have been minutes of excruciating indecision.

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"You'll have to wait a little longer, boys—the pay roll's been stuck up!"

POP INTO TOWN
BY HELICOPTER

By William Courtenay

center: it will be flying by the year end.

Not too soon

It is not too soon therefore, to urge all municipalities to take stock of their commons, parks, squares and other open spaces where twin-engined Helicopters may rise and alight; neither too soon for them to include the provision of reinforced roofs on new buildings to take this traffic.

In 1919 the first air lines were opened between London and Paris. Converted warplanes of World War I were used. They too, cruised at only 85 m.p.h. and carried only three passengers. The fare, however, was about 22 guineas, though it was soon reduced to 15. The Helicopter fares there, fare from Cardiff to Liverpool will be 25 10s. 0d. return.

Terminal delays

It is safe to assert that no air line can hope to operate successfully on Britain's "trunk" routes without the advent of the Helicopter. Our distances are too short and speeds of surface transport too high.

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Between Ourselves

**BEAUTY CARE
IN THE 20'S**

By Claudia

In a recent book on life in the 18th century, I came across a description of a woman of comfortable middle-class life who, with three children at the age of 27, "still retained traces of her youth, in strong contrast to the majority of the prematurely aged women of her time." What a different lot is ours today! Now, youth and beauty are becoming practically ageless, even though at different ages they have different meanings.

One can be as charming to look at as at 20—and possibly far more delightful to know—but in ways in which there is little ground for comparison.

The basis of true beauty changes with each phase of life. At one time it is youth, at another maturity, experience, or serenity and poise which count most and it is the modern cult of beauty which we have to thank for teaching us how to make the very best of ourselves at each stage.

The results of this teaching can be best seen in the greatly reduced ranks of those who, in the middle years, try to look and dress like their much younger sisters. There are far fewer cases which merit the old quip about mutton dressed as lamb!

Years of maturity
The 30's are now considered to be the years of maturity, while the 20's are all years of youth, but it is in the 20's that the long-term planning of modern beauty culture lays the foundation for beauty in the middle years.

While looks are at their freshest, skin smooth and unwrinkled, figure taut and slim, while you are at the height of youth and beauty, the time when these may fade or diminish seems so far ahead that there is no need to worry about it.

But don't wait until the figure begins to sag, until the tell-tale wrinkles appear. By then the job will have become much harder. The time you spend on beauty care in the 20's means extra years of youth and a richer beauty in maturity when that time comes.

So institute the daily dozen while you still feel as fit as a will be a rich one.

*Am Temple
Holiday partner*

Last summer I took my holiday with my office partner and enjoyed it. She takes it for granted that I am doing the same again and is making arrangements. She will be offended if I refuse and our work relationship will be strained. She is much older than I am.

This year I can go abroad with friends of my own age. Shall I tell her and make my work conditions unbearable, and shall I give in for the work's sake—MAISIE.

Here's a tangled web, all for want of a little courageous frankness at the beginning. The time to tell her you were making other arrangements was the moment you found that she was "taking it for granted."

For not doing so you might feel like kicking yourself and giving in. If so, give in with a good grace. Go with a will to enjoy the holiday as much as last time.

But restricting your own legitimate freedom of choice for the sake of alleviating another's

I am 19, I can talk naturally enough with one person, old or young, but when it comes to taking part in a conversation with a crowd I am struck dumb.

Can you tell me of some way to overcome this?—NAUDY.

The personal attention of one individual gives you confidence. The crowd's conversation is impersonal—"small talk" usually.

You can't sing in your little pebbles because you can't separate them from your feelings about yourself.

Pin-point your attention to what is being said, snatch it with your mind, give it a lightning turnover and toss it back. Keep your brain working, and don't give your feelings a look-in.

Practice is everything.

Small talk is a useful social accomplishment—and a ghastly bore when it is made a substitute for conversation—but, for tiding over the difficulties of the unfamiliar and the unknown, a graceful introductory ceremony,

I have been fitted by one who, admittedly, was second best, but still pride and confidence have had a hard blow.

Result—I can't work and I simply must, for the final of my professional exams is just ahead of me.

I am exhausted, because I love my work and I am desperately keen to get through. But I can't

get myself to see the wood for the trees.—MARGARET.

New here's just a tricky little twist of fortune that you can turn right to your own use and advantage.

Being fitted when you love and have been loved deeply is one of the most devastating emotional experiences.

But this was a "second-best." How or why you don't say. Obviously it is your pride and confidence that have had the blow—not love.

You take it that matters here. And to take it with sparkling gallantry shouldn't be hard for you.

Look on this as a "sparring partner" on whom you can practice for your contests in life's adventures.

A little healthy anger and indignation "yourself" is called for. Here's a place where you can say, "That'll larn you, my girl."

Then take that text-book and read the first page once (twice, 10 times till you do) and yourself concentrating. Once that happens you are cutting through the brushwood. You'll be getting the long view any minute after that.

Here's wishing you the best of luck.

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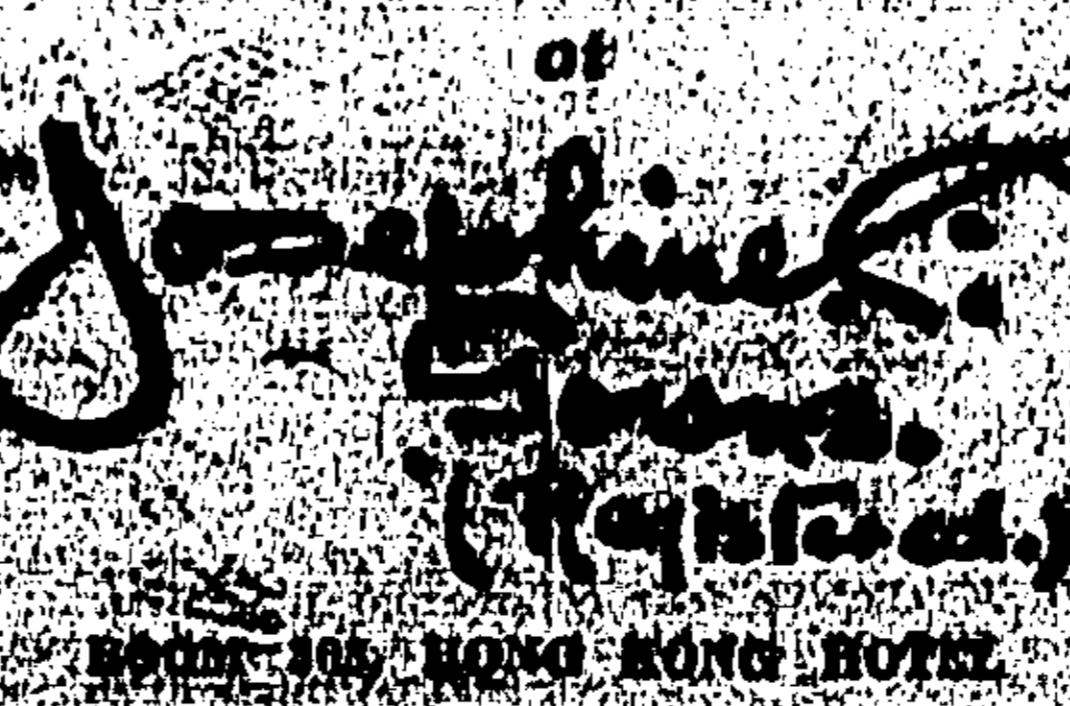
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AIM OF SYDNEY MEET TO HELP RESTORE ECONOMIC BALANCE

Five-year plan for tin issued

The Hague, April 28. A draft five-year agreement for tin, including the establishment of an International Tin Council, was issued today by the International Tin Study Group here, which has been meeting periodically over the past three years.

Drawn up at its fifth meeting in Paris last month, the text of the draft is being submitted to the United Nations for discussion at an Inter-Governmental commodity conference which the Tin Study Group has asked the United Nations to convene.

Objectives of the draft agreement are to prevent or alleviate widespread unemployment or under-employment in tin, to prevent excessive price fluctuations, to ensure adequate supplies and provide for economic adjustments.

The scheme would operate through an International Tin Council on which representatives of the producing and consuming countries would have the same voting power.

Exports from producing countries would be allocated on a percentage basis, part of the total to be re-allocated each year.

Provisions for liquidation of strategic stockpiles include a proviso that Governments should give four or six months' notice of intention to dispose of such stocks, with, if necessary, consultation on the best way to avoid substantial injury to producing and consuming countries.

The agreement has gone no further than the draft stage and may be materially changed when it comes before a United Nations conference, —Iteter.

BRITISH CAR SHOW TRIUMPH

New York, April 29. Sir William Welsh, Director of the British motor industry in North America, told a Press conference today that the British car and motorcycle show in New York had far exceeded expectations and that sales totalled some millions of dollars.

He declared that the possibility of holding similar shows in Los Angeles and San Francisco is under consideration and that a decision should be reached in two or three weeks. —Associated Press.

Concrete proposals

Britain would take to Sydney concrete proposals for tackling the South East Asia problem.

Lord MacDonald stated, but he preferred to hear the ideas of other delegations and other interested countries before making public details of her own approach.

He foresaw the likelihood of calling a further conference if the Sydney talks reveal that there is not sufficient available information on which to apportion the cost of any proposed measures between the Commonwealth countries.

He disclaimed any intention on the part of the Commonwealth to interfere with the countries of South East Asia. The object was rather to assist them in what they themselves were attempting to do in the field of economic development.

In shaping its proposals, the conference would, he said, give no preferential treatment to Commonwealth, as opposed to non-Commonwealth countries in South East Asia. It would deal fairly and squarely with the problem as a whole. He anticipated that, if another conference was called, non-Commonwealth countries might be invited to attend.

Spotted our taxi trick

The driver called: "Taxi, sir?" He started, then hurried towards us. But as soon as we began to open the door, he flung the packet of money away in one direction, and raced off in the other.

He had a 30 yard start. Beveridge picked up the money. I went after "Chick". Fortunately, I knew the Warren of Shepherd's Market like I know the ruled lines on a police notebook. I had gained 20 yards on him when he ran into a cul-de-sac.

I stopped, blew short signals on my whistle, waited for Beveridge. The two of us walked into the darkness of the blind alley. We are both big men. But that cornered youth fought like a tearing leopard. We were both bleeding, bruised, with clothes torn, before we subdued him.

He was an Italian named Luigi, aged 21. At his lodgings, I found a piece of blotting-paper upon which he had dried the actual kidnap letter. Also, a lurid American crime story magazine.

There was no gang.

One story in the magazine was called: "The Snatch Racket." It contained an almost word-for-word facsimile of the letter Luigi had sent to Mr. St. Cloud.

There was, of course, no gang. Luigi, alias "Chick", was just a clumsy youth who had permitted his adolescent day-dreams to spill over the border into reality. He got a "light sentence"—nine months—and we never heard any more from him.

I shall never forget the judge's face when he asked: "What is his 'sentence'?" and was truthfully told:

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North Korean pilot defects to the South

Seoul, April 25.
 Dressed in Russian style
 peasant clothes and seemingly
 enjoying the situation, North
 Korean Air Force Lieutenant
 Lee today told the Press how
 he commanded a Soviet aircraft
 and fled to South Korea
 yesterday from the Communists
 who dominated North.

Lee informed the Press how
 he studied for two years at the
 Pyongyang political school before
 joining the Air Force as a cadet
 in 1948.

After "grueling" training, two
 months of glider training and six
 months of primary training, he
 laid plans for his defection. The
 first opportunity came on April
 28 and he slipped into a plane
 and took off without maps or
 knowledge of the route.

It was his intention, he declared,
 to follow the railway leading
 to Kimpo, flying at 4,000 metres
 but two other North Korean
 planes which came in pursuit and
 anti-aircraft gun fire from
 fortresses in the Western area, forced
 him to fly towards the East coast,
 which he followed until he landed
 at Kunming, near Pusan, South
 Korea's major port, at 9 p.m.

The plane was fueled with 700
 litres of gasoline when he took
 off, Lee said. He added that his
 brother and sister were already
 in Seoul. He had tried to arrange
 moving his parents to South
 Korea without success.

North Korean aviation schools
 were staffed by Korean and Soviet
 instructors, he disclosed.

Softball:

JUNIOR REMEDIOS WINS 'CHINA MAIL' MVP AWARD

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The Softball Association successfully completed another season of the popular pastime with their traditional Presentation Ball at the Peninsula Hotel last night, which more than 400 players and fans attended.

Among the guests of honour were Mr. Karl L. Rankin, Consul for the United States of America, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Dimond; Mr. A. el Arculli and Miss. Arculli, Mr. B. J. B. Morahan of the Education Department, Mr. T. B. Wilson and Mr. Jose Remedios, Consul for the Philippine Islands.

The cues of the diamond were purchased a copy was well satisfied with the contents, which the Programme Committee had taken great pains to compile.

The party lasted up to 2.00 a.m. this morning, and even then many were reluctant to leave.

Prize-winners

Full list of prize-winners:

The San Miguel Shield (International Men's): Pakistan: A. H. Bakar, A. J. Hussain, Sherry Bucks, S. H. Khan, Junior Markar, Capone Bilmuhim, Benny Omar, Tiger Hussain, Oily Omer, Barney Abbas, Tarzan Ismail, Sabi Sifin, Skelly Razack, Nugget Ibrahim, A. Ditta, A. K. Ismail, A. G. Ismail, A. M. Wahab, Samet Samy, Abd. Ebrahim, The Bill Woo Shield (International - Ladies): Portugal: Terry Noronha, Patsy Ribeiro, Helen Ribeiro, Hilda Soares, Irene Castilho, Therese Remedios, Bernardino Remedios, Doreen Orlorio, Carmen de Souza, Sheila Silva, Teresa Campos, Gloria Silva, Lello Gaa, Yvonne de Souza, Betty Botista.

The San Miguel Shield (International Civil Service): George Saunders, M. Yusuf, Stan Leonard, Don Robbins, Buster Holland, A. H. Bakar, Tiger Hussain, Barney Abbas, A. Ditta.

The China Mail Annual Award (Most Valuable Player): The Molten Shield (Men's Senior League): Braves Tony Alves, Gerry Gogano, Spiky Gutierrez, Gus Ferreira, Tony Gasmund, Junior Remedios, Chappie Remedios, Carlos Chappie, Carlos Yvanovich, Bill Yvanovich, Ed. Almeida, Mickey Remedios, Alberto Ribeiro, Dicky Alves.

The "Chihli" Mail Shield (Ladies Senior League): Wahoes: Terry Noronha, Patsy Ribeiro, Hilda Soares, Dicky Wingless, Inez Soares, Irene Castilho, Helen Ribeiro, Elva Lee, Teresa Campos, Elsa Thompson, Virgie Ribeiro, Patsy Johnson.

The Ernie Heäther Shield (Men's Junior League): Black Hawks: Joey Graci, Jose Ribeiro, Manuel Gutierrez, Antonio Gutierrez, Roberto Muriel, Felix Aliave, Bernard Silva, Eric Hemedios, Alvaro Sousa, Gerald Hemedios, Roberto M. Mendes, Alfredo Xavier, Ricardo Ribeiro.

The Víctor Maník Shield (Ladies Junior League): St. Teresa's: Shelli Silva, Bernatine Remedios, Doreen Orlorio, Gloria Silva, Therese Remedios, Lello Gaa, Betty Baptista, Yvonne de Souza, Celia Lojan, Edith Mason, Sylvia Carvalho.

Eddie Remedios (Braves): 381. The Hal Wingless Annual Award for Batting (Ladies Senior): Avarita Choy (Candids): 446.

The Margold Annual Award for Batting (Ladies Junior): Cecilia Arnulphy (White Fangs): 447.

Rennie Sequira (Madraps): 426. The Alvaro Osmund Annual Award for Batting (Men's Junior): Eddie Remedios (Braves): 381. The Hal Wingless Annual Award for Batting (Ladies Senior): Avarita Choy (Candids): 446.

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Why not Sunday County cricket?

(By IAN PEEBLES,
Middlesex and England bowler)

Australian critics say of our cricket that we play too much and practise too little. When one looks at the huge programme of first-class matches, one cannot deny that the Australians are right.

To the player committed for the whole length of the season it must be an awesome prospect.

The domestic 'programme' is further complicated by the rapid progress of the formerly less powerful Dominions who are now of equal status and want an adequate share in international cricket affairs.

The tendency is therefore towards bigger and more intensive fixture lists.

TODAY'S SPORT

GOLF

England v Scotland—Old and New Courses, Fanling, 9.10 a.m.

SOCER

Victory Shield (Second Match): Hong Kong Chinese Football Association v United Services, Navy Ground, Causeway Bay, 5 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS

Opening of Indian Recreation Club Greens at Sookunpoo, 3.30 p.m.

HOCKEY

Army v Police: Sookunpoo, 11.15 a.m. Mr. Palmer, CYS, Gater. Navy v KTC, RNRC No. 1, 11.30 a.m. Mr. Blinck, Capt. Payne. Recrelo "A" v Recrelo "B": Recrelo 10.00, P. O. Brady; L. Tel Mathewson.

YMCA v RAF, RNRC No. 2, 10.00, Sgt. Maj. Hanan; MSA McCollan. Nomads v Chand Tara; RNRC No. 1, 10.30, RMS Scott; S/Cdr. Priddy. Commandos v Dutch: Sookunpoo, 10.00, W. O. Smith; Mr. Xavier.

Gertie was longing for a strange thing

Singapore, April 29. When attractive young Gertrude Sow landed here recently, she was longing for a strange thing. She wants to spend a night in a Singapore police cell "just to experience what it is like."

Twenty-one-year-old Gertrude, champion woman javelin and discus thrower and shot putter, arrived here with the United Overseas Chinese basketball team from Hong Kong.

She told newsmen that she had seen quite a bit of life and would now like to know what life was like inside a Singapore prison.

Gertrude is a correspondent attached to the New China Times of Sumatra. She was with the team in Kunming when the Chinese Communists captured the city. She was an eyewitness of some grim street fighting between the Chinese Nationalist and Communist troops.

"Life was pretty normal after that," said Gertrude. "We carried on playing as pre-arranged."

The only course

She said that trouble came when the team tried to get a plane back to Hong Kong. They were stuck in Kunming for two months, when finally decided to take the only course— to reach Rangoon via the Burma Road.

Gertrude was the only woman in the team. Life was quite uncomfortable and dangerous during the long and arduous journey to the Burmese capital.

Said adventurous Gertrude: "Food was no problem. We were able to buy eats at the numerous inns where we stayed the nights along the road, but I had to go without a wash."

"It was a long, dreary week and I was really glad when I finally reached Rangoon," she concluded. —United Press.

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Baseball:

TIGERS LOSE 6-1; REDS DEFEAT CUBS 3-1

New York, April 28. Veteran pitcher Bobby Feller showed all his old time mastery today as he held the Detroit Tigers to eight scattered hits while his Cleveland Indians team-mates pounded out a decisive 6-1 victory in the American League.

It was the second straight win for the big right-hander. His task was made easier by seven walks issued by Detroit pitchers.

For the first time this season, the Boston Red Sox came from behind to win a game, 4-1.

Tom Wright led-left field in place of Ted Williams, who is recovering from influenza, and Tommy O'Brien played centre in place of Dom DiMaggio, who has strained leg muscle.

Wright's single gave the Sox one of their two first-inning scores.

A game between the Chicago White Sox and the St. Louis Browns was called in the last half of the third because of rain and darkness. Neither team had scored.

First victory

The Cincinnati Reds got their first victory in seven starts by defeating the Chicago Cubs 3-1.

The Reds' route Gut pitcher Paul Minner in his seventh with a three-run rally in which first baseman Joe Adcock singled across the first two runs and third baseman Grady Hatton the other.

Slugging left-fielder Ralph Kiner's third homer of the year gave the Pittsburgh Pirates a 4-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

First baseman Johnny Hopp paced the Pirates' attack with four hits in four tries.

Score:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Boston	4	8	0
Philadelphia	1	8	0
Winning pitcher Mel Pernell, loser Alex Kellner.			

Results of night games:

	R	H	E
New York	4	11	1
Washington	3	6	1
Winning pitcher Nagy, loser Puge, Homers, DiMaggio, Norren, Nagy.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Cincinnati	3	9	1
Chicago	1	2	1
Winning pitcher Harmon Wehner, loser Paul Minner.			

Results of night games:

	R	H	E
Pittsburgh	4	12	1
St. Louis	3	9	1
Winning pitcher Bill Werle, loser Jess Staley.—Associated Press.			

Results of night games:

	R	H	E
Boston	1	3	1
Philadelphia Phillies	6	14	1
Winning pitcher Bill Werle, loser Sain.			

Brooklyn

	R	H	E
New York	3	10	1
Winning pitcher Bankhead, loser Kramer.			

League standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	Games behind
Detroit	6	2	.750	
Cleveland	4	2	.667	1
Washington	3	3	.500	1
New York	5	4	.556	1 1/2
Boston	5	8	.455	2 1/2
Philadelphia	4	6	.400	3
St. Louis	5	2	.286	3 1/2
Chicago	1	4	.200	3 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	Games behind
Brooklyn	7	2	.778	
Pittsburgh	6	2	.750	1 1/2
Chicago	3	1	.750	1 1/2
Boston	5	3	.588	2
St. Louis	4	5	.444	3
Philadelphia	4	6	.444	3
New York	0	143	.000	5
Cincinnati	1	6	.143	5
United Press				

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Fifth Race Meeting:

DEBUTANTE WINS ST. GEORGE'S PLATE

The Fifth Race Meeting of 1950 of the Hong Kong Jockey Club was nearly spoilt yesterday by almost two hours of continuous rain while the races were being run, but fortunately the sky cleared shortly after four o'clock and the sun came out again.

The rain, however, turned the race track into a sodden course and punters found their calculations badly upset, resulting in some good pay-outs on the pari mutuel.

The third, fourth and fifth events were run in heavy rain, and the jockeys finished with their clothes and faces badly splattered with mud.

Debutante, ridden by F. Noodt, won the St. George's Plate, in a principal event of the day, in a surprise victory over the hot favourite, Hellzapoppin. Debutante was fifth place down in the betting list.

This race, a handicap for Australian ponies of 1950, was run over a course of one mile, and attracted 10 contestants.

Hellzapoppin and Stratocruiser led at the start, followed by Bambi, with Lawrence trailing. At the football stand, Bambi caught up, while Hellzapoppin dropped to third position.

Bambi overtook Stratocruiser after a neck to neck race up to the Rock, when Hellzapoppin again overtook both.

Bambi drops out

Bambi then dropped out, with Lawrence catching up rapidly.

Rounding the bend, Hellzapoppin still maintained the lead.

In the home straight, Debutante and Dantic rapidly caught up, and in a dash of speed, Debutante overtook Hellzapoppin at the public stand, out-distancing it by three lengths at the winning post.

Dantic reached the winning post two lengths behind Hellzapoppin.

Favourites, faded badly yesterday and won only three out of the 11 events.

Highest dividend paid out on the pari mutuel was \$144.80 for a win, and \$40.50 for a place.

In the big cash sweep drawn on the 10th race, ticket No. 88938 drew the first prize of \$151,480, ticket No. 157601 the second prize of \$43,292, and ticket No. 167008 the third prize of \$21,041.

Novice jockey's success

Novice jockey H. K. Chuang achieved riding distinction yesterday when he brought in two winners—Liberty Ship in the Mount Gough Handicap (First Section) and National Income in the Mount Davis Handicap.

Both ponies were well down in the betting list and they paid back the handsome win dividends of \$92.00 and \$95.60 respectively which were the second best pay-outs of the day.

Veteran Jockey H. R. Holgate also secured two wins, with two seconds and one third.

In the second race, the Talmoshan Stakes, a protest lodged by Hung Fa against the rider of Winged, T. L. Wong, for crossing in the straight, was sustained and Winged, whilst came in second, was disqualified.

Hung Fa, which came in third, was moved up to second position, and Desert Gold, the fourth pony, was moved up to third.

Following are the results:

Mount Gough Handicap (first section)

Race 5—For Australian Ponies of previous seasons Class 4. One mile.

1. Jasmin; 2. Probability; 3. Lady Gloucester; 4. D-Day.

Won by A length; the same.

Time: 1:53.2.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$30.00; Places:

\$12.10; \$11.40; \$40.50.

Race 6—For Australian Ponies of previous seasons Class 4. One mile.

1. Debutante; 2. Hellzapoppin; 3. Dantic; 4. Lawrence.

Won by Three lengths; two lengths.

Time: 1:52.2.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$43.10; Places:

\$12.10; \$11.40; \$40.50.

Race 7—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 3. Six furlongs.

1. Stratocruiser; 2. Huntmaster;

3. Acquisition; 4. Ironside.

Won by Four lengths; three lengths.

Time: 1:24.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$34.30; Places:

\$12.20; \$11.40; \$40.50.

Race 8—For unclassified Australian Ponies of 1950. From the 1-1/2 mile post (about half a mile 170 yards).

1. Robin Hood; 2. Hung Fa; 3. Desert Gold.

Won by Five lengths; many lengths.

Time: 1:04.0.

Race 9—For Australian Ponies of previous seasons Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 10—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Ironside; 2. Jetfire; 3. Desert Gold; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 11—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 12—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 13—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 14—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 15—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 16—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 17—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 18—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 19—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 20—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 21—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 22—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 23—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 24—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

Race 25—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 8. One mile.

1. Sulphur; 2. Jetfire; 3. Liberty Diamond; 4. Congee.

Won by 1/4 lengths; five lengths.

Time: 1:50.3.

Parl. Mutual Win: \$23; Place:

\$7.30; \$0.40.

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